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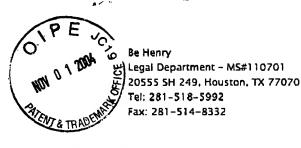
Sir:

In a telephonic interview conducted on September 23, 2004, Examiner Monplaisir G. Hamilton (USPTO) and Mark E. Scott (Reg. No. 43,100) discussed the claims, no related art was discussed. Applicants authorized an Examiner's amendment of claims 21, 23, 29, 33, 34, 36, 37 and 39. Applicants also agreed to cancel claims 22, 35, 38 and 40. These amendments and cancellations, however, are without prejudice to later asserting the unaltered claims, such as in a continuation application.

Respectfully submitted

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